(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) The approximate number of slum dwellers in the National Capital Region (NCR), excluding National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi, is around 23 lakhs. As regards NCT, Delhi, the State Government has reported that the estimated number of families of slum dwellers is around 6 lakhs.

(b) and (c) The State Governments of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan have reported that proposals for construction of dwelling units under Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana in some NCR towns of their State are in various stages of progress. In the case of NCT of Delhi both Slum and JJ Department of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Delhi Development Authority (DDA) have reported that they do not have any such proposal to allot flats to slum dwellers in Delhi. However, the DDA as a pilot project, has shifted the slums of Motia Khan by providing flats at Rohini.

Progress of IDSMT scheme in M.P.

†866. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of implementation of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Scheme in Madhya Pradesh and other parts of the country is not satisfactory;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to amend the guidelines in this regard; and

(c) the number of towns and small cities of Madhya Pradesh included in this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI **PON** RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir. Under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme, 1340 towns have been covered and Central assistance of Rs. 618.04 crores has been released against which an expenditure of Rs. 78687.60 lakhs has been reported by the States/Union Territories concerned upto the year 2002.-2003.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) 97 towns of Madhya Pradesh have been covered so far and central assistance amounting to Rs. 3868.73 lakhs has been released against which an expenditure of Rs. 3451.63 lakhs has been reported by the State Government.

The proposal for revision of existing Guidelines, 1995 of the lDSMT Scheme is under active consideration.

Allotment of office accommodation to service Associations

867. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been issued permitting allotment of office accommodation to recognised Service Associations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any licence fee, etc. if to be charged or accomodation is allotted rent-free; and

(d) the basis and method of calculation of licence fee, if any, in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under these guidelines, office accommodation may be allotted to recognized associations/unions of the Central Government employees, established to take up cases of such employees from the point of employer/employee relationship.

(c) and (d) Under Fundamental Rule 45-A, licence fee is chargeable to the recognized service Associations which are provided office accommodation. The licence fee is calculated on the basis of the cost of construction and living area of the accommodation.